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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to
conduct a study on the use of Civil Air Patrol personnel
and resources to support homeland security missions,
and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. CIVIL AIR PATROL STUDY.**

2 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
3 States shall conduct a study of the functions and capabili-
4 ties of the Civil Air Patrol to support the homeland secu-
5 rity missions of State, local, and tribal governments and
6 the Department of Homeland Security. In conducting the
7 study, the Comptroller General shall review the process
8 by which the Civil Air Patrol may provide assistance to
9 the Secretary of Homeland Security, other Federal agen-
10 cies, and States to support homeland security missions
11 by—

12 (1) providing aerial reconnaissance or commu-
13 nications capabilities for border security;

14 (2) providing capabilities for collective response
15 to an act of terrorism, natural disaster, or other
16 man-made event, by assisting in damage assessment
17 and situational awareness, conducting search and
18 rescue operations, assisting in evacuations, trans-
19 porting time-sensitive medical or other materials; or

20 (3) such other activities as may be determined
21 appropriate by the Comptroller General in the con-
22 duct of this review.

23 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
24 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall
25 submit to the Committees on Homeland Security and
26 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-

1 representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
2 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report con-
3 taining the findings of the review conducted under sub-
4 section (a). The report shall include—

5 (1) an assessment of the feasibility and cost-ef-
6 fectiveness of using Civil Air Patrol assets for the
7 purposes described in subsection (a); and

8 (2) an assessment as to whether the current
9 mechanisms for Federal agencies and States to re-
10 quest support from the Civil Air Patrol are sufficient
11 or whether new agreements between relevant Federal
12 agencies and the Civil Air Patrol are necessary.

13 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90 days
14 after completing the study under this section, the Sec-
15 retary of Homeland Security shall review and analyze the
16 study and submit to the Committees on Homeland Secu-
17 rity and Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
18 of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Secu-
19 rity and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report on
20 such review and analysis, which shall include any rec-
21 ommendations of the Secretary for further action that

- 1 could affect the organization and administration of the
- 2 Department of Homeland Security.

Passed the House of Representatives June 18, 2008.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.